

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1614

**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Coto and Levine)**

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 596.7 of the Penal Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1614, as introduced, Strickland. Rodeo animals.

Existing law requires the management of any professionally sanctioned or amateur rodeo that intends to perform in any city, county, or city and county to ensure that there is a licensed veterinarian present during the performances of the rodeo or on-call, as specified. Existing law establishes the duties of the veterinarian and rodeo management with respect to the treatment of injured animals. For purposes of these provisions "rodeo" is defined as, among other things, a performance featuring 4 or more of specified events involving bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, or team roping.

This bill would revise that definition to instead refer to 3 or more of these events. By changing the definition of an infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 596.7 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

596.7. (a) For purposes of this section, “rodeo” means a public performance featuring competition between persons, which includes ~~four~~ *three* or more of the following events: bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, or team roping.

(b) The management of any professionally sanctioned or amateur rodeo that intends to perform in any city, county, or city and county shall ensure that there is a veterinarian licensed to practice in this state present at all times during the performances of the rodeo, or a veterinarian licensed to practice in the state who is on-call and able to arrive at the rodeo within one hour after a determination has been made that there is an injury which requires treatment to be provided by a veterinarian.

(c) (1) The attending or on-call veterinarian shall have complete access to the site of any event in the rodeo that uses animals.

(2) The attending or on-call veterinarian may, for good cause, declare any animal unfit for use in any rodeo event.

(d) (1) Any animal that is injured during the course of, or as a result of, any rodeo event shall receive immediate examination and appropriate treatment by the attending veterinarian or shall begin receiving examination and appropriate treatment by a veterinarian licensed to practice in this state within one hour of the determination of the injury requiring veterinary treatment.

(2) The attending or on-call veterinarian shall submit a brief written listing of any animal injury requiring veterinary treatment to the Veterinary Medical Board within 48 hours of the conclusion of the rodeo.

(3) The rodeo management shall ensure that there is a conveyance available at all times for the immediate and humane removal of any injured animal.

(e) The rodeo management shall ensure that no electric prod or similar device is used on any animal once the animal is in the holding chute, unless necessary to protect the participants and spectators of the rodeo.

(f) A violation of this section is an infraction and shall be punishable as follows:

1 (1) A fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not
2 more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a first violation.

3 (2) A fine of not less than one thousand five hundred dollars
4 (\$1,500) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a
5 second or subsequent violation.

6 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
7 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
8 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
9 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
10 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
11 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
12 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
13 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
14 Constitution.